

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11 starting at line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

The container 22 including the cover 26 is constructed to protect the bonding composition 46 from contaminants such as dust, moisture and the like. In addition, the container 22 including the cover 26 is constructed to avoid deterioration of the adhesive characteristics of the composition 46, so that the ultimate strength of the bond between the appliance 36 and tooth is relatively high. If, for example, the bonding composition 46 is curable upon exposure to actinic radiation, the container 22 is constructed of a material that provides a substantial barrier to the transmission of actinic radiation. Suitable materials for the container 22 include flexible plastic materials such as black or red polyethyleneterephthalate glycol (PETG). Preferably, the container 22 is made of a material that substantially hinders the passage of actinic radiation but enables the passage of light in at least a portion of the visible spectrum so that the presence of the placement device 28 within the container 22 can be confirmed without opening the cover 26. As another option, the cover 26 may include a layer of paper that is bonded to a barrier layer such as aluminum foil. The barrier layer substantially blocks the passage of volatile components of the bonding composition 46. Examples of suitable materials for the container 22 as well as methods for constructing the container 22 are set out in applicant's U.S. Patent Nos. 5,538,129 and 5,354,199 as well as in applicant's pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "CONTAINERS FOR PHOTOCURABLE MATERIALS" Serial No. 10/126804, filed April 18, 2002, all of which are expressly incorporated by reference herein.